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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Update on Reimbursement for Costs of Remedial Action at
Active Uranium and Thorium Processing Sites**

AGENCY: Department of Energy

ACTION: Notice of the Title X claims during fiscal year (FY) 2015.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the Department of Energy's (DOE) acceptance of claims in FY 2015 from eligible active uranium and thorium processing site licensees for reimbursement under Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-486, as amended). The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, FY 2015 (Public Law 113-235) provided \$10 million for Title X reimbursements and will be made available to the Title X licensees on a prorated basis. The FY 2016 Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management's Congressional Budget Request requests \$32.96 million for the Title X Program.

DATES: The closing date for the submission of FY 2015 Title X claims is July 20, 2015. The claims will be processed for payment together with any eligible unpaid approved claim balances from prior years, based on the availability of funds from congressional appropriations. If the total approved claim amounts exceed the available funding, the approved claim amounts will be

reimbursed on a prorated basis. All reimbursements are subject to the availability of funds from congressional appropriations.

ADDRESSES: Claims should be forwarded by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management, Attn: Russel Edge, Title X Program Manager for Review of Reimbursement of Claims, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Legacy Management, 11025 Dover Street, Suite 1000, Westminster, CO 80021. Two copies of the claim should be included with each submission.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOE published a final rule under 10 CFR Part 765 in the Federal Register on May 23, 1994, (59 FR 26714) to carry out the requirements of Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (sections 1001-1004 of Public Law 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*) and to establish the procedures for eligible licensees to submit claims for reimbursement. DOE amended the final rule on June 3, 2003, (68 FR 32955) to adopt several technical and administrative amendments (e.g., statutory increases in the reimbursement ceilings). Title X requires DOE to reimburse eligible uranium and thorium licensees for certain costs of decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action incurred by licensees at uranium and thorium processing sites to remediate byproduct material generated resulting from the sales to the United States Government. To be reimbursable, costs of remedial action

must be for work which is necessary to comply with applicable requirements of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7901 *et seq.*) or, where appropriate, with requirements established by a State pursuant to a discontinuance agreement under section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2021). Claims for reimbursement must be supported by reasonable documentation as determined by DOE in accordance with 10 CFR Part 765.

Funds for reimbursement will be provided from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund established at the Department of Treasury pursuant to section 1801 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g). Payment or obligation of funds shall be subject to the requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341).

Authority: Section 1001-1004 of Public Law 102-486, 106 Stat. 2776 (42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*).

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